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SUBJECT: CAMBODIA -- CONGRESSIONAL LETTER ON ALLEGED

USG SUPPORT FOR KHMER ROUGE

REF: JAKARTA 20077 (NOTAL)

- SINCE THE FALL OF 1986 WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS ABOUT A LETTER FROM A CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER ALLEGING USG SUPPORT FOR THE KHMER ROUGE (REFTEL). THE LETTER (TEXT PARA 4) WAS WRITTEN BY JONATHAN WINER, COUNSEL TO SENATOR KERRY, AND CONTAINED WHAT WERE PURPORTED TO BE FIGURES ON ANNUAL USG SUPPORT FOR THE KHMER ROUGE STARTING IN 1980. WINER CLAIMED IN HIS LETTER THAT THE INFORMATION ON USG SUPPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE (CRS).
- THE ALLEGATIONS AND FIGURES INCLUDED IN WINER'S LETTER ARE COMPLETELY WITHOUT BASIS IN FACT. THE USG ABHORS AND CONDEMNS THE KHMER ROUGE AND HAS NEVER PROVIDED ANY DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO THEM. WE HAVE, HOUEVER, GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED THE RELIEF PROGRAM FOR DISPLACED CAMBODIANS ON THE THAI BORDER. WE ALSO ASSIST THE CAMBODIAN NONCOMMUNIST RESISTANCE FORCES LED BY PRINCE SIHANOUK AND SON SANN IN THEIR STRUGGLE

AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE OCCUPATION OF CAMBODIA. WE HAVE INITIATED STRINGENT SAFEGUARDS IN BOTH PROGRAMS TO ENSURE THAT THE ASSISTANCES DOES NOT END UP WITH THE KHMER ROUGE. IF ADDRESSEE POSTS ENCOUNTER REFERENCE TO THE WINER LETTER IN THE LOCAL PRESS OR IF REQUESTED TO COMMENT ON IT, PLEASE DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING TO RESPOND.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ABHORS AND CONDEMNS THE BRUTALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES OF THE KHMER ROUGE. WE HAVE NO DEALINGS WITH THE KHMER ROUGE AND PROVIDE

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NO SUPPORT TO THEM.

- THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE WINER LETTER ARE WITHOUT BASIS IN FACT; THE PURPORTED FIGURES FOR USG SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE KR ARE PURE FABRICATION.
- ALTHOUGH MR. WINER ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING WRITTEN THE LETTER, THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE HAS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE INFORMATION ATTRIBUTED TO IT.
- 3. PLEASE KEEP THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED IF THIS LETTER SURFACES.
- 4. TEXT OF LETTER:

LARRY CHARTIENES VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA 2001 S ST NW SUITE 700 WASHINGTON DC 20009-1125

DEAR LARRY:

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON U.S. AID TO THE KHMER ROUGE, I HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE.

THE KHMER ROUGE RECEIVED NO FUNDS FROM THE U.S. FROM FISCAL YEAR 1976 THROUGH 1979. IN THE YEARS FROM 1980-86, THEY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, FOOD ASSISTANCE, ECONOMIC SUPPORT, AND IN SMALLER AMOUNTS FOR THE PEACE CORPS, NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE:

IN FY 87 DOLLARS:

1980	 54.55	MILLION	DOLS
1981	 18.29	MILLION	DOLS
1982	 4.57	MILLION	DOLS
1983	 2.46	MILLION	DOLS
	 3.70	MILLION	DOLS
1985	 . 84	MILLION	DOLS
1986	 . 86	MILLION	DOLS

I HOPE THIS INFORMATION IS OF USE TO YOU.

SINCERELY,

JONATHAN WINER, COUNSEL SENATOR JOHN KERRY WHITEHEAD END OF MESSAGE

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